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Collaborating for Future Workforce Needs

Miami-Dade County Commissioners authorized an expansion of one of the nation's most successful summer youth internship programs. Commissioner Xavier Suarez launched a miniature-size project of 25 summer jobs three years ago, using his office funds. Former Board Chairman Jean Monestime, current Chairman Esteban Bovo, and Commissioners Daniella Levine Cava, Barbara Jordan, Audrey Edmonson, and Dennis Moss joined forces to increase the number of jobs and provide funding. School Board Superintendent Alberto Carvalho applauded the new age of collaboration by the county, the school board, and the Children's Trust. The Trust allocated \$750,000, with \$1 million from the county, and \$1.3 million from CareerSource South Florida. The total number of jobs will increase from 1,437 last year to more than 2,000 (a 30% growth). The program needs help from businesses which can sign up through this link: https://www.ctemiami.net/summer_internships/.

Pop-Up Market & G.U.T.S.

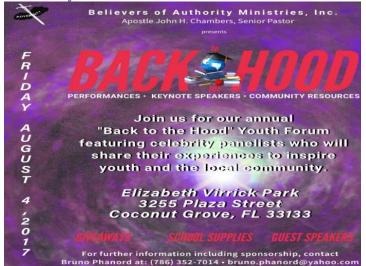
Based on a unique collaboration between Miami-Dade County District 7, University of Miami (UM) School of Architecture, Knight Foundation, G.U.T.S. and City of Miami Commissioner Ken Russell; a Goombay style pop-up food market will open at the corner of Grand Avenue and Douglas Road in Coconut Grove. The experimental market will create a much-needed public gathering place for residents and visitors with inexpensive incubator space, training and marketing for small businesses. Commissioner Suarez said, "I identified the potential for this site to host a public market, and I am delighted that the site was chosen by UM for this very purpose. I am committed to helping startups and small businesses in Miami-Dade County through programs like The Mom and Pop Small Business Grant. The market will bolster these efforts." The marketplace opens this spring. For more information email: Info@seasonfarmfresh.com.

Transportation

Commissioner Suarez gave his thoughts on recent FDOT efforts to mitigate traffic in Kendall. By analyzing the four factors that influence ridership, i.e. speed of service, attractiveness of service, cost of service, and quality of service relative to other options. His conclusion was that creating a trolley network along Kendall Drive would be the most effective and least intrusive transit solution for Kendall traffic. Read the full article at

http://communitynewspapers.com/kendall-gazette/easing-smart-plan-kendall-drive/.

Community Feature - Back To The Hood



Financial Literacy - It's never too early for your children to start learning how to manage their finances. Young people ages 15 to 22 can take a 6 week course at the Frankie Rolle Community Center. Attendance required is once a week for a one hour class. At the end of the completed 6 week course, CAA will give them a mini ipad and \$100 to open a bank account. The next class begins April 20th. For information, call Helen Miguel at 305-446-3311 Braman Class - Braman Motors partners with The Miami-Dade County Public Schools providing on the job training to qualified students, preparing them to be career ready at the end of the 18 month program. The program offers 1,800 hours of curriculum in Braman's on-site classroom taught by an accredited ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) instructor and includes hand on experience in three dealership departments via a paid internship program mentored by experienced Braman technicians, parts department personnel and collision center employees. Tuition is free; as well as equipment, computers, uniforms and tools. Interested students must be between the ages of 18 to 25, have a high school diploma or GED, documented interest in automobiles and repair, a valid Florida driver's license, and pass background & drug tests. For info. & appt. contact Maggie Descartes, Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center at 305-324-6070 x 7089.

ALERT Persons bitten or scratched by wild or domestic animals should seek medical attention and report the injury to the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County at 305-324-2400. For more information 850-245-4401. Click link: http://www.floridahealth.gov/%5C/diseases-and-conditions/rabies/index.html



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